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Job

Job 1 Vss 1-22. Once a man named Job in Uz, feared God and stayed from evil, seven sons, three daughter, the richest person in the entire area, the children would celebrate for days, Job would purify them offering sacrifices in case they sinned against God. This was his regular practice, members of heaven presented themselves, satan reveals he patrols the earth watching all that is going on, asked if he noticed Job, a man of integrity God proclaims

Commentary: The opening words concerning Job make it clear that he was a man honored God. He also demonstrates the importance of being the covering for his whole family including adult children.

The story illustrated conversations among the host of heaven including Lucifer. It is as if Satan is proud of his influence upon the earth, but in Job God always has his representatives. He lifts Job as his representative. We are God's representatives no matter how dark circumstances may be.

Satan suggests it because Job is protected and blessed. God allows Job to be tested, satan can do whatever desired, but not to harm him/Job physically, news: all farmhands dead

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and stole all animals, another messenger fire from heaven burned up sheep and shepherds, another messenger all camel and servants killed, another messenger, a wind killed all the children while feasting, Job tore his clothes and worshipped, Job did not sin

We see a number of horrific events where Satan is given permission to devastate Job's life. Thieves, weather, and other activity can be attributed to what Satan is capable of doing if allowed. Job however, honored God.

C2 Vss 1-13 again the members of heaven assemble, Again The Lord raises Job to Satan, Satan suggested taking his health, God agreed but spare his life, Satan struck him with boils, his wife told him to curse God and die, Job said "you talk like a foolish woman should we only accept good things from The Lord, Job said no wrong

Job's friends saw him, wailed, day for 7 days saying nothing

Commentary: Job's faithfulness was met with more Satanic aggression. This time his body is the target. Even his wife is an antagonist. When Satan cannot get us he attacks the next in order.

His friends arrive and after wailing all they could do is be quiet. Some tragedy is so deep no words are worthwhile no matter how well we may intend. Just a presence and praying is best.

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C3-C5

C3 Vss 1-26. Job cursed the day of his birth, Let that night be childless, curse that day for failing shut my mother's womb, had I died at birth peace, why light to those in misery, I cannot eat, what I dreaded has come true, no peace, no quietness,

Commentary: This condition suffered by Job clearly illustrates the condition of those children who are either still born or die within the womb. Job views his misery and the human circumstance as far less desirable. There is no other place in Scripture that so explains the condition of children in the womb. Nevertheless. Unreasonable suffering and God allowing will blow away today's good-feeling believer.

C4 Vss 1-21. Eliaphaz, you have helped others but when trouble strikes you, you lose heart, doesn't your life of integrity give you hope, my experience shows those who plant trouble, cultivate evil, God destroys, this truth was given

Commentary: it's not long before we see impatient humanity go to work in the victim. Since his friends cannot understand such undeniable and widespread tragedy. It has to be the victim's fault.

C5 Vss 1-27 Cry for help, if I were you I would present my case to God, consider the joy

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of those corrected by God, don't despise the discipline, we have studied life and found this to be true

Commentary: The first "friend" views Job's condition as God's discipline.

C6-8

C6 Vss 1-30 Job responds, my misery not measurable, the almighty has struck me down, don't I have a right to complain, donkeys-oxen-people complain, I wish God would kill me, I have not denied the words of the Holy One, you too have given no help, show me what I have done wrong, stop assuming my guilt

Commentary: Job who has been set up by God before Satan as righteous in all his ways. A man of integrity. His circumstances lead him to call out for death as more deserving. This is the same man that scolded his wife for similar talk. Every believer must take notice. His circumstance has moved beyond his level of believing. It is unending.

Perhaps this is the most graphic picture in Scripture on what the lake of fire will be like. However it will be eternal.

C7 Vss 1-21 is not all human life a struggle, my body covered with with maggots and scabs, my days end

Without hope, I will never again feel happiness, I must express my anguish, I would rather be strangled, I hate my life, Why won't you leave me alone,

Commentary: Imagine he's allowed to see maggots on his body. He's in a dark place that is without end. So dark he cannot recover.

C8 Vss 1-22 Bildad responds, how long will you go on like this, does God twist justice, your children must have sinned, their punishment was deserved, if you are pure he will restore your happy home, you started with lite you will end with much, God will not reject a person of integrity, he will once again fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.

Commentary: Friends! Imagine someone attempting to provide some kind of relief by suggestion that you are I come to grip that the death of ten children was somehow deserved.

His friends are a part of the suffering. Humanity only knows to add to suffering.

C9-11

C9 Vss 1-29. Job speaks again, I know all this is true, who can take God to court, so who

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am I that I should try to answer God, or even reason with him, I only plead mercy, he attacks me and repeatedly wounds me without cause, he will not let me catch my breath, I'm innocent but it makes no difference, whatever happens I will be guilty, I what's the use trying, if only there were a mediator

Commentary: Job is broken. The man of integrity is doing just as Satan said.

C10 Vss 1-22 I'm disgusted with my life, what's gained by oppressing me? Although you know I am not guilty no one can rescue me from your hands, you gave me life, why deliver me from my mother's womb,

Commentary: Job continues describing a level of suffering few human beings have ever experienced.

C11 Vss 1-20 then Zophar replied, is a person proved innocent by a lot of talk, should I remain silent while you babble, doubtless God is punishing you less than you deserve, He knows who are false and takes note of all their sin, if only you would prepare your heart and lift your hands in sin

Commentary: Zophar represents humanity's feeble attempt to explain the unexplainable. When his friends first arrived they were quiet 7 days. It's been down hill every since they have opened their mouths trying to help.

C12-14

C12 Vss 1-25. Job speaks again, you people know everything, people at ease mock those in trouble, push those who stumble, every being knows my disaster is from The Lord ask birds, earth, fish, wisdom to the aged, understanding to the old but true wisdom and power are found in God. God: destroys can't be rebuilt. Leads Counselors stripped of good judgement, he builds and and destroys,

Commentary: Job knows he's not guilty of any of his friends' accusations. People act as if they speak for God in their judgment without all the facts.

C13 Vss 1-28 I've seen with my own eyes, I want to argue my case, as physicians you are worthless quacks, silence is the wisest thing you can do, are you making dishonest arguments for his sake, will you argue God's case for him, tell me what have I done wrong

Commentary: Job almost has some sense that what his friends are saying are God's causes. He desires to defend himself. The story of Job is that he is not upright in all of his ways.

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Commentary: Humanity is a feeble, weak enterprise from Job's view. These are all thoughts Job never had before. He has a completely different view of life and God.

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C15-17

C15 Vss 1-35 Eliphaz again, a wise man wouldn't answer with such empty talk, have you know fear of God. What has caused you to say these evil things, the wicked writhe in pain throughout their lives, they live in distress and anguish, their riches will not last and their wealth will not endure, like trees they are cut down in the prime of life.

Commentary: What this writer had find about Job's friends is that they are correct about life's cause and effects, but they had a no exceptions theology. God can make whatever exceptions He desires. So instead of hearing Job and making him comfortable they stood for what tegu believed to be godly judgment.

C16 Vss 1-14. Job responds. What miserable comforters you are , if I were you I would encourage you, I would try to take away your grief, people jeer and laugh at me, I was living quite until he shattered me, I wear burlap to show grief, my eyes are red with weeping , I have done no wrong, my prayer is pure, my friends scorn me but I cry out to God, I need someone to mediate between me and God.

Commentary: Job has enough to share that he did not have a record of kicking the weak. He turns from ridiculing his friends for their conduct toward him to his show humility before God. It's amazing that when difficulty comes if it lasts too long, even reality be assume that something was done wrong by the sufferer. Job is resolute that he has done nothing to warrant his condition.

C17 Vss 1-16. My spirit is crushed, I'm surrounded by mockers, God has made a mockery of me, as for all if you come back with a better argument, my hopes have disappeared, my heart desires are broken,

Commentary: We see in Job what had to be Jesus' thoughts as the world unloaded on him with every kind of accusation and lies.

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C18-20

C18 Vss 1-21 Bildad again, do you think we are stupid, the wicked walk into a net, terrors surround the wicked, disease eats their skin, they will say this was the home of a wicked person, the place of one who rejected God

Commentary: Bildad digs in even more against Job. Each friend in their response take the gloves off with direct salvos related to Job's experience and how God is punishing Job.

C19 Vss 1-29. Job; how long will you torture me, you've already insulted me ten times, even if I sinned that's my concern not yours, you think you are better using my humiliation as evidence of my sin, God has wronged me, my relatives stay away, my

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friends turn against me, but as for me I know that my redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last,

Commentary: In a real sense Job is battling the false accusations related to God presented by his friends. Unfortunately, but understandable Job is buying into their arguments enough to think that he has a case against God.

C20 Vss 1-29

Zohar's second response, I must reply, I'm greatly disturbed, I've endured your insults, may God give them a belly full of trouble, and be overcome by misery, the terrors of death are upon them, a wildfire will devour their goods, God's anger will descend in torrents, this is the reward God gives the wicked

Commentary: Job's friends are insulted because as they see it, they represent God. This demonstrates how the religious can be so damaging and thinking they are doing the will of God. The same pattern is seen in Saul of Tarsus who persecuted the Church.

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C21-23

C21 Vss 1-34. Job to Zophar, my complaint is with God not people, when I think of what I am saying I shutter, why do the wicked prosper growing old and powerful, they live to see their children and grandchildren grow, they spend their days in prosperity, yet they say to God go away, the light of the wicked never seems extinguished, you say God will punish their children, I say he should punish the one who sins, one person died in prosperity, the other dies in bitter poverty,

Commentary: Here we see the deeply stained logic of humanity. David also said it seems the wicked prosper. Job has enough resolve to maintain that children should not be punished for what their parents do. Nevertheless he is at a place where operations with goodness is mute for him.

C22 Vss 1-30 Eliphaz replies, can a person do anything to help God, is it because you are pious that he accuses you, no it is your wickedness, you must have lent money and demanded clothing, you must have sent widows away empty handed, and crushed the hope of orphans, that's why you are surrounded by traps, will you continue on the old paths where evil people have walked, they were snatched away in the prime of life, submit to God and you will have peace. If you give up your gold and throw away your money the almighty will be your treasure

Commentary: Eliphaz responds. It is more of the same attempting to bury Job in guilt. This time the emphasis is on Job's riches. Had he given them to The Lord he would be spared according to this friend. It's difficult for many that tragedy may have no cause whatsoever other than befalling the victim.

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C23 Vss 1-17. Job to Eliphaz my complaint is still bitter, honest people can reason with him, when he test me I will come out as kite gold, for I have stayed on God's path, who can change his mind? He controls my destiny, God had made me sick at heart, darkness is all around me,

Commentary: Job is sinker into his complaint mode with everything being uttered by his friends, the classic coming forth a pure gold is in this chapter. Ironically it is stated with a degree of sarcasm at this point. It is much to dark for Job think that his life will ever recover.

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C24-26

C24 vss1-25 why are not the times stored up by the almighty, they move the landmarks, devour the flock, steal the widows ox, push the needy aside, snatch the orphan from the breast, souls cry out, God doesn't pay attention to the foolish, the murderer arises and kills at dawn , the adulterer waits for twilight and says no eye seed him

Commentary: At this point Job compares himself to the acts of darkness of which he had not committed one. This is our refuge. We must know that whatever is happening. It is not because of our conduct. But simply life's circumstance .

C25 Vss 1-17 Bildad answers, dominion and awe belong to him,
How then can a man be just with God, how much man less than God, how can he be clean who is born of a woman, how much man less than a maggot

Commentary: According to Bildad Job should not even consider an argument. A mere man born of woman and virtual maggot in comparison.

C26 Vss 1-25, Job responded, how you have saved the arm without strength, what counsel you have given to me without counsel, the departed spirits tremble under water,he hangs the early in nothing, he quieted the sea with rebuke, by his breadth the heavens are cleared, behold these are the fringes of his ways

Commentary: Another example where their counsel is so far off it is pathetic.

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C27-29

C28 Vss 1-28 Job and understanding, people know how too dig, shine, sink, descend, tear, dam, but do they know where to find wisdom, can't be bought, can't be purchased, worth more than gold, but do people know where to find it, the fear of The Lord is true wisdom, to forsake evil is real understanding

Commentary: Human beings know how to do everything. Job places his antagonists

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before the need for wisdom. The distinguishing mark if people who know God is wisdom.

C29:1-25. I long for years gone by, when u was in my prime God's presence was felt in my home, the Almighty and my children were with me, the young stepped aside and the aged rose in respect, I helped those without help, I caused widows hearts to rejoice, I was father to the poor, assisted strangers who needed help, new honors are constantly bestowed on me, my strength continually renewed, everyone listened, after I spoke they had nothing to add for my counsel satisfied them

Commentary: Job gives an extraordinary view into his life. We see all of the healing and provisional virtues of Jesus. But Job would face all that Jesus would face. He would not die! And he was not without sin as we see in the following chapter.

C:30 Vss 1-31 but now I'm mocked by people younger than I, there father's are not worthy to run with my sheep dogs, they are driven from society, live in ravines, nameless fools outcasts from society, now they mock me, they despise me, for God has humbled me, the outcasts oppose me to my face, they know I have no one to help, my honor has blown away in the wind, I cry to you God, you have become cruel to me, you throw me into the world wind, surely no one would turn against the needy, my heart is troubled and restless, my harp Ojays sad music

Commentary: Job becomes more self-assured and bold or desperate in his charges against God. His friends are dumbfounded that Job can be so resolute.

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C31-33

C31 Vss 1-31. I made a covenant with God mnot to look at young women, isn't calamity for the wicked and misfortune for those who do evil, have I lied, let God weigh me, if I have listed, or if I'm guilty, let all I have planted be uprooted, if I have lusted for my neighbors wife, then let my wife belong to another man, let other men sleep with her, lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished, if I have been unfair to my servants what could I say when he questioned me, he created both in the womb, did I not provide wool clothing for the needy, have I gloated about wealth, have worshiped stars, rejoiced at fallen enemies, never cursed anyone, concealing sin in my heart. If only someone would listen, I'll sign my name to my defense, I would face accusation,

Commentary: Job's record of morality and obedience is unparalleled, but his thought that it makes him worthy of all he received in virtue, gifts, and blessings is sin. Even if humans could fulfill the law as Jesus did they still would not earn a place with God. There's only on path to relationship with God, you have to be born by and to Him.

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C32 1-22 jobs three friends refused to reply, he kept insisting on his innocence, Elihu became angry because Job refused to admit his wrong, also angry with Jobs three friends because they could not answer Job, you are old I am young so I said nothing, sometimes elders are not wise, I have waited all this time, I must speak, I won't play favorites

Commentary: There's nothing like an upstart who desires to be somebody who claims to know it all but knows nothing. This is Elihu.

C33 1- 33 Listen to my words Job, God has made me, the Breadth of the Almighty gives me life , you are wrong, God is greater than any human being, why bring a charge against him, he speaks in dreams, visions, of the night, God disciplines with pain on their sick beds, they lose their appetite, but if a special angel appears, a special messenger to declare him upright, when he prays to God he'll be accepted, mark this, keep silent I will teach you wisdom

Commentary: Actually, Jobs friends have done a thorough "job" of attacking Job from every perspective . Elihu is the cherry on the top adding nothing but the ultimate in humiliation. A young idiot as Job shared.

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C34-36

C34 Vss 1-37 Elihu said, listen to me, job said let us discern for ourselves what is right, I'm innocent, they call me a liar, they say he chooses evil, he spends time with the evil, the Almighty will not my twist injustice, he pays no more attention to the rich or poor, God watches people, he brings the might to ruin, he heard the cries of the needy, he prevents the godless from ruling, Job speaks out of ignorance, Job you deserve maximum punishment,

Commentary: There is a point when enough is said. Elihu who is the fourth can not add to what the others have said. But he clearly says Job should be out to death.

C35 Vss 1-16 Elihu said, do you think it's right to say you are righteous before God, you ask what's in it for me? I will answer you, how does your sin affect God, it's wrong to say that God does not listen, to say the Almighty is not concerned.,

Commentary: Elihu is over the top. He 's already views himself as one with knowledge beyond the others. He's as arrogant as one can be.

C36 Vss 1-33 Elihu continued, I have not finished defending God, I am a man of great knowledge, if they (kings) refuse to listen to him, they will be killed by the sword, God is leading you from danger, judgement and justice will be upheld, look God is all powerful, God is greater than I can understand,

Commentary: There is a reality that some believe they need to defend God. God needs no

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defense. When someone attacks the faith with lies, truly we need to take a stand against lies. Be we do not have to defend God. The creature defending the Creator as if he would fail without the creature's help is oxymoronic.

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C37-39

C37 Vss 1-24. God's voice is glorious, we can't imagine his power, pay attention to this Job, so teach us what to say to God

Commentary: Elihu completes his tirade with Job. It's more of the same.

C38 Vss 1-41 then The Lord answers Job, who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words, I have questions for you? Where were you when...

Commentary: When God answers it is a illustration of every aspect and life. It's futile even attempting to present anyone as if God has to answer in any way.

C39 Vss 1-30 do you know about the goats and deer, cattle, birds, horses,

Commentary: God who does not need to respond in anyway leaves any person dumbfounded.

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C40-42

C40 1-24 God says: do you still want to argue with the almighty, you are God's critic do you have the answers, Job replied I'm nothing, I'll cover my mouth, I have said enough already, God says I have some questions...

Commentary: Job understands the error of his ways. God is so mysterious a logical argument will never explain any circumstance we face. He can make sense out of madness. There are dastardly human conditions, but to try to reflect them on God as if he somehow is derelict is not to understand Who He is.

C41 1-34 The Lord continues... Can you catch a leviathan? ...

Commentary: God is not finished with Job or humanity. He uses the Leviathan as a ridiculous stand-alone measuring stick. No one could hope to catch the monstrous leviathan whether it is a creature of myth or reality. But God controls him like He controls the birds and bees. We can only observe God in awe.

C42 1-17 You asked who is this asking such questions with ignorance? It is I. I have taken back all I said I sit in ashes in repentance. God says to Eliphaz I'm angry with you and your two friends...you have not spoken accurately about me concerning Job, Job

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prayed for his friends and all was restored to him. So The Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life more than in the beginning.

Commentary: Finally, God addresses his friends. By the way many of his friends arguments were correct. They simply did not apply to Job. This is what we all have to guard against. We can make generalizations when the case at hand does not apply.

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